

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

LOS ANGELES

FILE NO. 100-22661

REPORT MADE AT  
LOS ANGELES

DATE WHEN MADE  
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1/3,4/45

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TITLE

CHESTER BORMOR HIMES

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SEDITION

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject's past employment record at Los Angeles reflects nothing of a derogatory nature. Local informants have no additional information regarding him. Current investigation indicates subject is still in New York City, and may remain there permanently. [REDACTED]

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Subject's criminal record under FBI #176232 set out.

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## REFERENCE:

Bureau file 105-2502

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated November 25, 1944, at Los Angeles.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 7/15/83 BY 9145410ms

## DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

The following concerns, by whom subject is known to have been employed in the past at Los Angeles, have been contacted in regard to his employment record and the possibility of any seditious or revolutionary statements he might have made:

CALIFORNIA SANITARY CANNING COMPANY; TOWLSAVER, INC.; KAISER-HUGHES AIRCRAFT COMPANY (warehouse); HUNTINGTON RUBBER COMPANY, and BORDEN SALES MANUFACTURING COMPANY (warehouse)

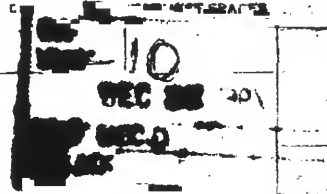
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However, subject's employment record at the above concerns reflected nothing derogatory concerning him. At the last three named, he apparently worked for short periods of time during 1944. He seems to have quit each job voluntarily. At only two of these companies, namely, the CALIFORNIA SANITARY CANNING COMPANY and TOWLSAVER, INC., was there any independent recollection of him. The personnel departments of both of these concerns rated him as a good worker, with nothing derogatory in his record. It appears that he voluntarily quit the CALIFORNIA SANITARY CANNING COMPANY with a sort of a grudge, claiming he was being discriminated against because he is a Negro. However, [redacted] who recalled him personally, said that there was nothing unusual in his quitting the job voluntarily, as this happens every day on the part of various employees, and he could recall nothing that subject particularly attributed the alleged discrimination to.

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It is noted from investigation set out in reference report that subject apparently has friends among individuals who are either known or suspected Communist Party members, although there is no record that subject himself has ever been a member of the Party.

Local informants regarding Communist activities and membership have again been contacted, but they have no additional information regarding him.

On January 4, 1945, a pretext telephone call to subject's residence, 1056 De Garmo, Los Angeles, revealed that he has not yet returned to Los Angeles, is still in New York City, as has been previously reported, and that he may reside there permanently.

[redacted] and that subject himself was residing at 940 St. Nicholas Street, New York City. [redacted] at that time, however, that he expected to return to Los Angeles as soon as his book had been published by HOUGHTON & MIFFLIN COMPANY, New York.

Following is subject's criminal record under FBI #176232 dated December 8, 1944, received from the Bureau:

PD, Columbus, Ohio	Chester Himes #10279	11-28-27	forg.	held GJ \$500. 11-29-27
PD, Cleveland Ohio	Chester B. Himes #---	10-5-28	inv.	Released 10/6/28
PD, Cleveland Ohio	Chester Himes #32729	12-1-28	robb.	12-19-28, 20 yrs. Ospan

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SP, Columbus, Ohio	Chester Himes #59623	12-27-28	robb.	20-25 yrs. 4-1-36 paroled - 2-3-39 final rel. London Farm
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PD, Los Angeles Calif.	Chester Himes #45-	12-10-41	registered in accordance with city ordinance (not an arrest)
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Commanding General Services of Supply U. S. Army Wash., D.C.	Chester Bomar Himes #56 RIS #1	applicant for s f hlpr 8-26-42
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SOS, War Dept.	<del>Chester Bomar</del> Himes #42-HUA	storeroom clerk 3-5-43
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Capt. of the Port, Long Beach, Calif.	Chester Bomar Himes #--	sheet metal helper 3-7-44
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\* Admits, Columbus, Ohio, forg., 1927; prob.  
\* Admits, Cleveland, Ohio, susp.; \$25 and costs, 1928

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION:

AT NEW YORK CITY:

\*Is requested to discreetly ascertain if subject's book has yet been published by the Houghton & Mifflin Company, and if so, obtain a copy for examination for possible seditious or revolutionary material it might contain. It is noted that the best information at hand indicates that this book is entitled "After the End Comes", concerning the publication of which subject is in New York City at the present time, located at 940 St. Nicholas Street. It is suggested that in the event the book has not yet been published, no contact with the publishing house for a review of its contents should be made in the absence of instructions from the Bureau to do so.

Is requested to determine, if possible, whether subject intends to remain permanently in New York City, as indicated by current investigation at Los Angeles. If it is determined that subject intends to remain in New York, the Bureau will be requested to change the office of origin to that Field Division.

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TITLE

WINSTON BORMOR HINES

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SECTION

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject's past employment record at Los Angeles reflects nothing of a derogatory nature. Local informants have no additional information regarding him. Current investigation indicates subject is still in New York City, and may remain there permanently. [REDACTED]

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Subject's criminal record under FBI #176232 set out.

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## REFERENCE:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED 23,712  
DATE 7/15/85 BY 9103/CLM/S

Bureau file 105-2502

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated November 25, 1944, at Los Angeles.

## DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

The following concerns, by whom subject is known to have been employed in the past at Los Angeles, have been contacted in regard to his employment record and the possibility of any seditious or revolutionary statements he might have made:

CALIFORNIA SANITARY FEEDING COMPANY; TOWLSAVER, INC.; KAISER-BUCHS AIRCRAFT COMPANY (warehouse); HUNTINGTON RUBBER COMPANY, and BORDEN SALES MANUFACTURING COMPANY (warehouse)

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REPORT MADE BY

TITLE

CHESTER BORMOR HIMES

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SEDITION

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

"Saturday Evening Post" advises no material written by CHESTER BORMOR HIMES was published in magazine. Two articles were rejected.

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED 25,272  
DATE 7/15/85 BY 9145 C/Loms

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## REFERENCE:

Bureau file No. 105-2502.  
Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated  
January 8, 1945, at New York, N.Y.

## DETAILS:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent in Charge JOHN F. SEARS.

[redacted] "Saturday Evening Post" Independence Square, advised that the records of his office failed to reflect any articles published by the "Saturday Evening Post" written by the subject, CHESTER BORMOR HIMES.

[redacted] on October 20, 1943, an article was received by his company from CHESTER HIMES entitled "Reunion with Pietro." The records reflected that [redacted] an employee of the "Saturday Evening Post" returned the article to HIMES on October 21, 1943, with the notation that the story was rejected by the magazine.

On December 21, 1943, the records reflected that CHESTER HIMES, 1056 North DeGarmo Drive, Los Angeles, California, sent in an article to the magazine entitled "Me At The Enemy" and a short item entitled "Pan! George Brown." [redacted] that the above mentioned writings of HIMES were returned to him as of December 27,

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1943. A rejection slip was signed by [REDACTED] of the "Saturday Evening Post."

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[REDACTED] that the "Saturday Evening Post" has not received articles from HUNTS since his last story was rejected.

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REPORT MADE BY

TITLE

CHESTER BORMOR NIMS

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SUBSIDIARY

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

"Saturday Evening Post" advises no material written by CHESTER BORMOR NIMS was published in magazine. Two articles were rejected.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file No. 105-2502.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 8, 1945, at New York, N.Y.

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AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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On December 21, 1943, the records reflected that CHESTER NIMS, 1036 North Delano Drive, Los Angeles, California, sent in an article to the magazine entitled "Is Me At The Enemy" and a short item entitled "An' George Brown." [redacted] that the above mentioned writings of NIMS were returned to him as of December 27,

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**CLEVELAND, OHIO**

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TITLE **CHANGED**

**CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, wa. Chester Bormor Himes**

CHARACTER OF CASE

**INTERNAL SECURITY - G  
SEDITION**

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Indices of Cleveland Field Division negative on subject [redacted] SS data set forth. Subject in New York City at present time, writing novel under a Rosenwald Fellowship. Credit negative. Cleveland PD criminal record set forth.

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## REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 25, 1944 at Los Angeles, California.

## DETAILS:

The title of this case is being marked changed to reflect the correct spelling of the subject's middle name, (formerly BORMOR) as reflected upon Selective Service records in Cleveland, Ohio.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 7/15/85 BY 246/CL/MS

The indices of the Cleveland Field Division were checked in regards to the subject [redacted] with negative results.

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[redacted] of Local Board #20, 11406 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, advised that the subject was registered with this board and furnished the following information from his Selective Service File:

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100-15680

As CHESTER HIMES arrested Cleveland, Ohio, October 5, 1928, charge investigation, released.

As CHESTER B. HIMES arrested Cleveland, Ohio, December 1, 1928, charge robbery at point of revolver. Stole cash and jewelry valued at five thousand dollars--brought back from Chicago, Illinois. Pled guilty December 19, 1928, sentenced to twenty years Ohio State Penitentiary. Released on parole from Ohio State Penitentiary April 1, 1936.

There is a note in the Cleveland Police Department Files that the subject was turned over to Federal authorities in October 1928. The Federal Agency is not identified, nor is there any reason for the subject's being picked up.

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CV. F. O.  
100-15680

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NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City, New York

It is noted in referenced report that subject is having a book published by the Houghton and Mifflin Company, and that a copy is to be examined if the book has been released. From investigation in the Cleveland Field Division, subject is under contract to the Doubleday, Doran and Company and is writing a book entitled "As Change Comes On". It is observed that if the book "As Change Comes on" is a separate edition from that in referenced report, it also should be examined for possible seditious or revolutionary material.

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12/14/44;  
1/6, 13/45

CHARACTER OF CASE

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CHESTER DON R. HINES, wa. Chester Warner Hines

INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
ADDITION

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Indices of Cleveland Field Division negative on subject [redacted]

[redacted] SS data set forth. Subject in New York City at present time, writing novel under a Rosenwald Fellowship. Credit negative. Cleveland PD criminal record set forth.

- RUC -

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 25, 1944 at Los Angeles, California.

**DETAILS:**

The title of this case is being marked changed to reflect the correct spelling of the subject's middle name, (formerly BARNOR) as reflected upon Selective Service records in Cleveland, Ohio.

The indices of the Cleveland Field Division were checked in regards to the subject [redacted] with negative results.

[redacted] of Local Board #20, 11406 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, advised that the subject was registered with this board and furnished the following information from his Selective Service

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 13, 1945

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, w.a.  
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)  
SEDITION

My  
A review of this file reflects that HIMES is apparently residing in New York where he is engaged in writing a book under a Rosenwald Fellowship. The Los Angeles Field Division has reviewed all the information available to it and recorded same and, accordingly, it is suggested that the New York Field Division be designated office of origin in this case.

cc Chicago  
New York  
Philadelphia

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March 12, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

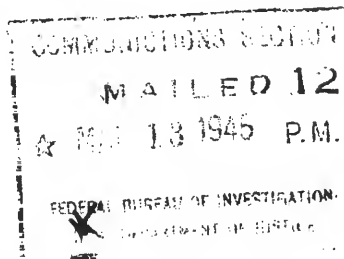
CHESTER BOMAR HINES, wa Chester Bomor Hines;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C; SELL TION.

Reference is made to your letter dated February 13, 1945, requesting that the Office of Origin in the above-entitled case be changed to New York. Inasmuch as the subject of this case still maintains a residence in Los Angeles [redacted] b7C [redacted] indicated he would return to Los Angeles upon completion of his book, it is suggested that Los Angeles remain the Office of Origin until such time as it is definitely established that subject intends to remain in New York permanently.

cc - New York  
Chicago

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
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Los Angeles, California

FILE NO. 100-17587

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TITLE

CHESTER BORMOR HIMES

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] Esquire Magazine, Chicago, Illinois, furnished no background information concerning subject. Subject sends material to Esquire in Chicago through Agent. Last known address was 1056 North Degarmo Drive, Los Angeles, California.

- RUC -

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 1/8/45 at New York City.

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 1/15/85 BY 9145-1-005

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[redacted] Esquire Magazine, 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, advised that he did not personally know the subject inasmuch as he has never met HIMES.

[redacted] first got material from the subject around ten years ago while the subject was a trusty on a prison farm at Columbus, Ohio. He claimed that of recent date the only material obtained from the subject was through subject's Agents, RUSSELL and VOLKENING, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

[redacted] the latest address listed in the files of Esquire for the subject was on July 27, 1944. Subject's address at that time was 1058 North Degarmo Drive, Los Angeles, California.

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TITLE

CHESTER BORMOR HINES

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SEDITION

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[redacted] Esquire Magazine, Chicago, Illinois, furnished no background information concerning subject. Subject sends material to Esquire in Chicago through Agent. Last known address was 1050 North Degarmo Drive, Los Angeles, California.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 1/8/45 at New York City.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT CHICAGO- ILLINOIS:**

[redacted] Esquire Magazine, 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, advised that he did not personally know the subject inasmuch as he has never met HINES.

[redacted] first got material from the subject around ten years ago while the subject was a trustee on a prison farm at Columbus, Ohio. He claimed that of recent date the only material obtained from the subject was through subject's Agents, RUSSELL and VOLKENING, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

[redacted] the latest address listed in the files of Esquire for the subject was on July 27, 1944. Subject's address at that time was 1058 North Degarmo Drive, Los Angeles, California.

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DATE 7/15/85 BY 9145 C/102

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY-C  
SEDITION

CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, alias Chester Bomar Himes

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject presently residing at 940 St. Nicholas Avenue, NYC and probably will remain in NYC, but additional information not available at the present time.

REFERENCE:  
DETAILS:

Bureau File 105-2502 - P -

Report of S.A. [redacted] dated 1/8/45 at Los Angeles.  
At New York City:

[redacted] at 940 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City advised that the subject is, at the present time, residing at this address in apartment 6H. He stated that the subject came there approximately six to eight months ago, and lived with relatives, but that about Christmas of 1944, the subject's wife came to New York from California, and they thereupon took an apartment elsewhere. [redacted]

[redacted] however, that about March 4, 1945 they again moved in with relatives at 940 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City. He was unable to state definitely whether the subject intended to remain at that address, making it his permanent address. He stated that when the subject first came to New York his intention was definitely to return to California, but now since his wife has arrived in New York, they are undecided as to what to do and are awaiting developments at the time of the completion of a book which the subject is now engaged in writing. [redacted] however, that in his opinion, the subject will probably remain in New York City. It should be noted that the subject is presently engaged in writing a book entitled "The Change Comes On" for the Doubleday Doran Publishing Company.

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furnished the following description of the subject:

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Name	CHESTER DOMAR HIMES, alias Chester Bormer Himes
Race	Negro
Age	37-38 years
Height	5' 10"
Weight	150-155 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark

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NY 100-63874

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City:

Will, after the publication of the book "As Change Comes On", now being written by the subject, review this book for possible seditious or revolutionary material.

Will also determine definitely whether the subject intends to remain permanently in New York City.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

FILE NO. **NY 100-63874** **NY**

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REPORT MADE BY

NEW YORK CITY

3/21/45

2/27; 3/1/45

TITLE

CHARACTER OF CASE

**CHESTER HOMER HINES, alias Chester Homer Hines**

**INTERNAL SECURITY-C  
SEDITION**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject presently residing at 940 St. Nicholas Avenue, NYC and probably will remain in NYC, but additional information not available at the present time.

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**REFERENCE:  
DETAILS:**

Bureau File 105-2502- P -

Report of S.A. [redacted] dated 1/8/45 at Los Angeles At New York City:

[redacted] at 940 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City advised that the subject is, at the present time, residing at this address in apartment 6H. He stated that the subject came there approximately six to eight months ago, and lived with relatives, but that about Christmas of 1944, the subject's wife came to New York from California, and they thereupon took an apartment elsewhere. [redacted] however, that about March 4, 1945 they again moved in with relatives at 940 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City. He was unable to state definitely whether the subject intended to remain at that address, making it his permanent address. He stated that when the subject first came to New York his intention was definitely to return to California, but now since his wife has arrived in New York, they are undecided as to what to do and are awaiting developments at the time of the completion of a book which the subject is now engaged in writing. [redacted] however, that in his opinion, the subject will probably remain in New York City. It should be noted that the subject is presently engaged in writing a book entitled "As Change Comes On" for the Doubleday Doran Publishing Company.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **100-22661**

REPORT MADE AT  
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TITLE

CHARACTER OF CASE

**CHESTER BOMAR<sup>®</sup> HIMES, w.a.**

**INTERNAL SECURITY (C)  
SEDITION**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information obtained through subject's father at Los Angeles that subject is still in New York and will remain there indefinitely. Recontact with informants on Communist matters in Los Angeles reveals no record of any Communist activity or affiliation on the part of subject here.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File #105-2502.  
Report of Special Agent [redacted] New  
York City, dated 3/21/45.

**DETAILS:**

**AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**


By means of a pretext telephone call to the subject's home at 1056 North DeGarmo Drive, Los Angeles, on March 27, it was learned from an individual who identified himself as subject's father that **CHESTER HIMES** is still in New York and is expected to remain there for an indefinite period of time. On March 28, another pretext telephone call developed information from the father that he did not believe subject would return to Los Angeles at all and certainly not in the near future.

It is noted that this is in line with the information developed by the New York Field Office as set out in referenced report dated **APR 21 1945**

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Recontact with all reliable informants on Communist matters in the Los Angeles area has again been made for the purpose of determining if subject **HIMES** has ever been active or affiliated in Communist circles

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in this area. Informants had no information to indicate that subject is or has been so engaged.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY

\*Will, after the publication of the book "As Change Comes On", now being written by the subject, review this book for possible seditious or revolutionary material.

\*Will also determine definitely whether the subject intends to remain permanently in New York City.

Will, in the event the New York Office determines that subject intends to remain there, request the Bureau to change the origin in this matter to New York.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

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RW

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File #105-2502.  
Report of Special Agent  New York City, dated 3/21/45.

**DETAILS:**

**AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

By means of a pretext telephone call to the subject's home at 1056 North DeGarmo Drive, Los Angeles, on March 27, it was learned from an individual who identified himself as subject's father that CHESTER HIMES is still in New York and is expected to remain there for an indefinite period of time. On March 28, another pretext telephone call developed information from the father that he did not believe subject would return to Los Angeles at all and certainly not in the near future.

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It is noted that this is in line with the information developed by the New York Field Office as set out in referenced report dated March 21, 1945.

Recontact with all reliable informants on Communist matters in the Los Angeles area has again been made for the purpose of determining if subject HIMES has ever been active or affiliated in Communist circles

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105-2502  
SAC, New York

April 10, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CHESTER WILSON HINES; INTERNAL SECURITY - C; SEDITION.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at New York City on January 8, 1945, in which it is stated that subject Hines has a contract with and is presently writing a book for Doubleday Doran Company.

It is desired that you make a discreet contact with Doubleday Doran Company and when subject's book has been published, a copy should be obtained and reviewed. If the book contains material which is possibly seditious, it should be sent to the Bureau for review. b7C

It is also desired that the undeveloped lead set forth in the report submitted by Special Agent [redacted] at Los Angeles, California, on January 8, 1945, to ascertain subject's intention to remain in New York City, be covered. An effort should be made to determine the nature of his activities, if any, while in New York City.

cc - Los Angeles

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: May 26, 1945

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HIMES;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SEDITION  
(Bureau file #105-2502)

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 2, 1945, at Los Angeles, and to the Bureau's letter to New York dated April 10, 1945. It is noted that previous investigation in this matter has indicated that the subject has been in New York City for a considerable period of time and that he is expected to remain there.

However, on May 26, 1945, it was ascertained through a pretext telephone call to subject's Los Angeles home address that both the subject, CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, and his wife, JEAN, have recently returned to Los Angeles although their stay is expected to be temporary. It was learned that they no longer reside at their previous Los Angeles address, 1056 N. de Garra Drive, but are presently staying at 1717 1/2 West 37th Street, Los Angeles, which is merely a temporary address inasmuch as HIMES is expected to return to New York.

Additional investigation will be conducted by the Los Angeles office to determine if and when the subject will return to New York and, if possible, the nature of his activities in Los Angeles at this time.

Inasmuch as the best information available to date indicates, however, that subject will return to New York, it is suggested that the New York office conduct logical investigation to complete the leads as suggested in reference letter from the Bureau to New York.

cc-New York  
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residing in New York City, and also whether he intended to reside permanently in New York City, and also what his activities have been since his residence in New York City. Confidential Informant [ ] stated that HIMES moved from 940 St. Nicholas Avenue, some two months ago and left no forwarding address. [ ] was unable to advise whether HIMES intended to remain in New York City, or what his activities were while here except to say that HIMES was writing some sort of a book.

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The local United States Post Office covering 940 St. Nicholas Avenue, was contacted on June 16, 1945 in an effort to determine if HIMES left a forwarding address, with negative results.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES

Will endeavor to ascertain if and when the subject will return to New York and if possible, the nature of his activities in Los Angeles at the present time.

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will, after the publication of the book, "If He Hollers Let Him Go" now being written by the subject, review this book for possible seditious or revolutionary material.

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BOOK REVIEW!

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 12, 1945 at New York City, are identified as follows:



[redacted] Doubleday Doran  
Publishers, Radio City, New York.

[redacted]  
apartment house located at 940 St. Nicholas  
Avenue, New York City.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : Theron L. Caudle, Assistant Attorney General

SUBJECT: CHESTER BORMIOR HINES, w.a.  
Internal Security - C  
Sedition

DATE: August 11, 1945

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Cleveland, Ohio, February 3, 1945.

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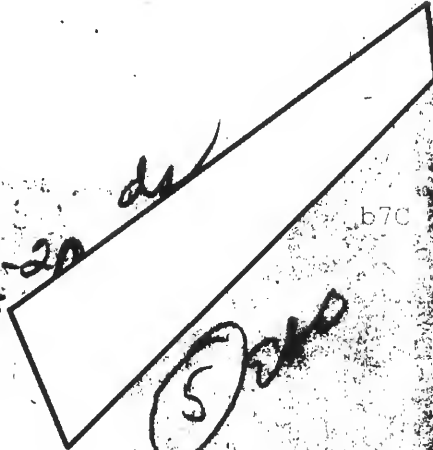
If you have any report written subsequent to the report above mentioned, would you kindly forward a copy of it to the Criminal Division, so that this matter may be brought to a logical conclusion at the earliest possible date.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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LOS ANGELES

FILE NO.

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NEW YORK CITY

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5/21, 23, 6/4, 16/45

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CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SECTION

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Title of HINES' book changed to "If He Hollers Let Him Go". Book expected to be released on 10/5/45. Arrangements made to secure copy. HINES moved from 240 St. Nicholas Ave., NYC, no forwarding address. No information available regarding HINES' intention to reside permanently in NYC or activities while in NYC.

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## REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] 3/21/45, New York.  
Report of Special Agent [redacted] 4/2/45, Los Angeles.  
Bureau letter to New York, 4/10/45.  
Letter to Bureau from Los Angeles, 5/26/45.

## DETAILS:

### AT NEW YORK CITY:

On May 21, and 23, 1945, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the title of CHESTER BOWAR HINES' book has been changed to "If He Hollers Let Him Go."

The book is expected to be released on October 5, 1945, and arrangements were made through Confidential Informant [redacted] to secure a copy of the same.

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On May 23, 1945, June 4, and 16, 1945, Confidential Informant [redacted] was contacted in an effort to determine if HINES was still

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Assistant Attorney General T. L. Caudle

September 5, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, with alias  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SEDITION

Reference is made to your memorandum dated August 13, 1945, requesting that any information obtained in this case subsequent to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Cleveland, Ohio, February 3, 1945, be submitted to you.

For your information there are attached copies of the following investigative reports:

Report of Special Agent [redacted]  
dated February 16, 1945, at Chicago, Illinois.

Report of Special Agent [redacted]  
dated April 2, 1945, at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent [redacted]  
dated July 12, 1945, at New York, New York.

Additional information concerning this subject will be forwarded to you as it is received.

Enclosures

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 100-22661

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TITLE

CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, WA

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SEDITION

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject has reportedly continued to reside in NYC during the past several months. [REDACTED]

940 St. Nicholas Place, Apartment 6H, NYC.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File No. 105-2502

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated April 2, 1945, at Los Angeles

Letter to Bureau from Los Angeles dated May 26, 1945

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated July 12, 1945, at New York City.

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DETAILS: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Through [REDACTED] it was ascertained that the subject, CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, has been in New York City continuously for the past several months. [REDACTED]

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SEE [REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED]

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Apartment 6H, 940 St. Nicholas Place, New York City,  
New York.

The above information was obtained from [redacted] under  
date of September 5, 1945.

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It will be noted that a discreet inquiry in the vicinity  
of 1717 1/2 West 37th Street, Los Angeles, California, failed to reflect the  
fact that the subject was known in that community or had ever resided at  
that address, [redacted]

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[redacted] It will further be noted  
that contact with reliable sources of information in the Los Angeles Field  
Division who were generally familiar with the activities of the Communist  
Party in this area has failed to reflect that the subject has ever been  
active in Communist affairs in this area.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION



AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

\* Will, after the publication of the book, "If He Hollers Let Him Go", now being written by the subject, review this book for possible seditious or revolutionary material.

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Pretext telephone call to   
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TITLE

CHESTER DONAR HIMES, WA

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SEDITION

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject has reportedly continued to reside in NYC during the past several months.

940 St. Nicholas Place, Apartment 6N, NYC.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau File No. 105-2502

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 2, 1945, at Los Angeles

Letter to Bureau from Los Angeles dated May 26, 1945

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 12, 1945, at New York City.

**DETAILS:** AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Through [redacted] it was ascertained that the subject, CHESTER DONAR HIMES, has been in New York City continuously for the past several months.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: September 19, 1945

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, wa  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SEDITION

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated September 14, 1945, at Los Angeles, California, five copies of which have been designated for the Bureau and are enclosed herewith.

Inasmuch as the subject is presently residing in New York City, the Bureau is requested to designate New York City as the office of origin. The Bureau's attention is also directed to the fact that it does not appear that the subject has been connected with the Communist Political Association or the Communist Party in any manner in the Los Angeles Field Division. It is therefore suggested that this case is not properly a Security Matter - C case, and that the character of the case should be SEDITION.

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Assistant Attorney General T. L. Caudle  
Criminal Division

December 3, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

CHESTER BOMAR HINES, with alias  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SEDITION

Reference is made to our previous correspondence regarding the above-captioned matter, your file reference TLC:DA:MLM 146-28-1519. There is transmitted for your further information a copy of the investigative report submitted by Special Agent [redacted] dated September 14, 1945, at Los Angeles, California.

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I shall appreciate your reviewing this report in conjunction with those previously submitted and advising me whether further investigation is desired, looking toward prosecution for violation of the Sedition Statutes.

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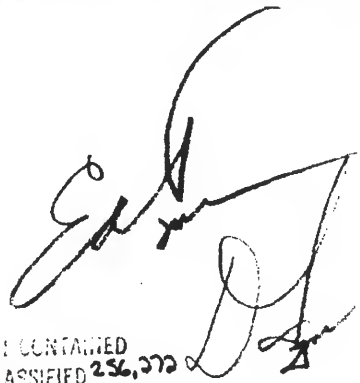
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 31, 1945

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: CHESTER BOWAR HIMES, wa  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SEDITION  
Bureau File No. 105-2502

Reference is made to a letter from this office to the Bureau dated September 19, 1945, requesting that the office of origin in instant case be designated as New York City inasmuch as the Subject is presently residing there. In this regard the Bureau's attention is also directed to the fact that it does not appear that the Subject has been connected with the CPA or the CP in any manner in the Los Angeles Field Division, pointing out that instant case is not properly an Internal Security - C case and that the character should be Sedition.

Reference is further made to a letter to the Bureau from the New York Field Division dated October 16, 1945, a copy of which was designated for this office advising that the lead set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 12, 1945, at New York City, would not be covered in view of Bureau Bulletin #55, Series 1945, dated September 12, 1945, directing the closing of sedition investigations administratively. b7C

Inasmuch as the investigation of this case was initiated on the specific request of the Department, it is believed that in this instance the Bureau should authorize closing the case.

The Bureau is requested to advise whether or not under the circumstances, this case may properly be closed under Bureau Bulletin #55, Series 1945.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 13, 1945

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HINES, wa.;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SEDITION  
Bureau file 105-2502

Reference is made to the lead set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 12, 1945 to review subject's book "IF HE HOLLERS LET HIM GO".

A review of the file reflects that investigation to date fails to indicate subject has been connected with the Communist Party.

Reference is also made to Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated September 19, 1945 stating there was no indication of subject's connection with the Communist Party in the Los Angeles Field Division and suggesting the character of the case should be Sedition. b7C

In view of Bureau Bulletin No. 55, series of 1945, dated September 12, 1945, directing the closing of sedition investigations administratively, the lead set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted] will not be covered and this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

cc - Los Angeles

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 5, 1945

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FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, with alias  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C; SEDITION  
Bureau File No. 105-2502

Reference is made to a letter to the Bureau from the Los Angeles Field Division dated October 31, 1945, pointing out that inasmuch as the investigation of this case was initiated at the specific request of the Department, it was believed that in this instance the Bureau should authorize closing the case.

The Bureau is again requested to advise whether or not, under the circumstances, this case may properly be closed under Bureau Bulletin No. 55, Series 1945.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation      DATE: December 17, 1945

FROM : Theron L. Caudle, Assistant Attorney General,      TLC:DBA:CMK  
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HILLES, wa      146-28-1519  
TLC INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SEDITION

Reference is made to your memorandum of December 3, 1945, in the above matter.

Upon review of the reports in this case, it is the opinion of the Criminal Division that no further investigation is necessary at the present time.

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SAC, Los Angeles

January 1, 1946

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CHRISTOPHER HENRY, wa  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C; SUBVERSION

105-2502-25

Reference is made to your letters dated October 31 and December 5, 1945, regarding the above captioned case. For your information, the Criminal Division of the Department, after reviewing the various reports submitted in this case, has now advised that it is the opinion of the Criminal Division that no further investigation is necessary at the present time.

This case, therefore, may be properly placed in a closed status.

*Case  
closed*

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-2502)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-22661)

SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HIMES  
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DATE: 9/2/64

LEAP!

Re Washington Field Office letter to New York, 6/23/64 and New York letter to Los Angeles, 7/23/64.

Washington Field Office by referenced letter, reported the results of a file review of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., which disclosed CHESTER BOMAR HIMES on March 15, 1961 at Nice, France, was issued a Passport No. 2015104, which was to expire March 15, 1964. The application, dated March 14, 1961, reflected HIMES was born July 29, 1909 at Jefferson City, Missouri, and his current residence was listed as Le Cormoran St. Laurent du Var. A.M. France, whereas his permanent address was given as 65 University Place, New York City.

On March 20, 1964, HIMES filed a renewal application for Passport 2015104 at Paris, France. The passport was renewed March 20, 1964 and is valid until March 14, 1966. His address was listed as 3 Rue Bourbon le Chateau, Paris, France and his U. S. residence was given as 23 East Tenth Street, New York City. Additional information was set forth in the Washington Field Office letter and, although pertinent, is not being set forth herein.

A review of the file reflects HIMES, in 1945, was a resident at 1717½ West 37th Street, Los Angeles, which was reportedly a temporary address since investigation disclosed he had returned to New York.

On September 5, 1945, information was developed by Los Angeles which reflected [REDACTED]

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
  - 2 - New York (100-63875) (REGISTERED)
  - 1 - Los Angeles
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[REDACTED] Apartment 6H,  
940 St. Nicholas Place, New York City. [REDACTED]

Files of the Los Angeles Office reflect no additional information concerning HIMES's residence since 1945.

New York is requested to determine whether or not 23 East Tenth Street, New York City, is the permanent residence of HIMES and advise Los Angeles in order that an FD 128 can be submitted.

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Summary

Legal Attache, Paris

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Director, FBI (25-330971)

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Mr. Bland

NATION OF ISLAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

The Nation of Islam (NOI) publishes a newspaper, "Muhammad Speaks," at Chicago, Illinois, on a semimonthly basis. This newspaper carries the fanatical views and hate propaganda of this antiwhite organization (see SAC Letter No. 62-38 (A), dated 7-11-62 for an appropriate characterization). In the issue of "Muhammad Speaks" dated 7-31-62, on page 22, appears a photograph of three individuals identified as Pierre Gaisseau, French film producer-director; Chester Himes, noted author; and Muslim Minister Malcolm. The lead line indicates "FRENCH FILM PRODUCER sees results of Police brutality." The article following indicates Gaisseau arrived in New York from Paris to seek material for his first feature-length movie about Harlem and a two-hour documentary on the American Muslims to be shown to French television audiences. The movie is to be based on a story written by Himes. According to the article, Malcolm is showing pictures of a Muslim killed in Los Angeles on April 27 (1962) by police to a "greatly perturbed Pierre Gaisseau" and that Gaisseau evinced interest in the Los Angeles police brutality story where "seven unarmed Muslims were gunned down" (see SAC Letter 62-30 (A), dated 5-25-62 for details concerning this incident). (u)

Muslim Minister Malcolm is Malcolm X Little, minister of Temple No. 7 of the NOI, New York City, and sometimes referred to as the logical successor to Elijah Muhammad, national leader of the NOI. He is a key figure of the New York Office, Bureau file 100-399321. Chester Himes may be identical to Chester Bonar Himes, Bureau file 105-2502, who was the subject of investigation in 1944 and 1945 at the request of the Department as a result (u)

- 2 - New York (105-7809)
- 1 - Chicago (100-35635)
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)
- ① - 105-2502 (Chester Himes)
- 1 - 100-399321 (Malcolm Little)

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF  
DATE 7-29-62

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Letter to Paris  
Re: NATION OF ISLAM  
25-330971

of an article he wrote which appeared in the May, 1944, issue of "The Crisis," then described as the official organ of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The article, entitled "Negro Martyrs are Needed," advocated revolutionary action on the part of Negroes to bring about the overthrow of our present form of government and the creation of a communist state. Himes was described as a Negro, born in Jefferson City, Missouri, 7-29-09, FBI No. 176232, and a resident of Los Angeles and New York at that time. Investigation did not disclose Communist activity or affiliation on the part of Himes at that time and the Department advised in 1945 no further investigation was necessary. Other pertinent references in Bureau files concerning Himes include Legal Attache, Paris, letter captioned [redacted]

[redacted] dated 2-11-60 (Legat, Paris file 100-385) which refers to Chester Bomar Himes, born 2-29-09, at Jefferson City, Missouri. A report entitled "Possible Subversives Among US Personnel in France," dated 1-6-60, prepared by the 76th CIC Detachment, refers to Chester Bomar Himes, born 2-29-09, in Jefferson City, Missouri, as a US citizen and writer residing at 6, rue Git le Coeur, Paris 6 (Seine), France. He entered France on 12-22-55. (100-379980-29) b7C (140-21060-19 p. 23)

[redacted]

data available to you through discreet contact with your established sources concerning Chester Himes and any data contained in your files concerning him which is pertinent to this investigation should also be furnished to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination. You may desire to furnish to your contacts the information appearing in "Muhammad Speaks" as a matter of interest if appropriate. French authorities in the event this information is not already available to them. (u)

New York should contact appropriate sources to attempt to develop any information available concerning the preparation and filming of this documentary on the American Muslims and promptly furnish the Bureau and Chicago full details in form suitable for dissemination.



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Letter to Paris  
Re: NATION OF ISLAM 100-125740  
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NOTE ON YELLOW:

This is the first information we have received indicating a film is to be made on "American Muslims." It is noted the film is presumably going to be shown to French television audiences; however, it is possible such a film could be shown in the United States. It is believed desirable to furnish this information to appropriate French authorities inasmuch as it may emphasize police brutality in the United States. It is also desirable to have details for our information. X (u)

[Pre-film  
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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 105-2502 )

DATE: 10/14/64

FROM : SAC LOS ANGELES (100-22661)

SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HIMES, aka  
Chester Bomor Himes  
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The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence address

23 East 10th Street, New York City, New York.

Business address

Check the following applicable statements:

- ☐ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Division should affix the addresses indicated above and the appropriate case file number.)
- ☐ This subject is tabbed for Detcom.
- ☐ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- ☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division and a copy has been designated therefor.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter:

- ☐ Security Index Cards
- ☒ Serials (specify) (see page 2)
- ☐ Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below).
  - ☒ Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph.
  - ☐ None available.
  - ☐ Previously furnished.

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- 2 - Bureau
  - 2 - New York (100-63874)
  - 1 - WFO (100-43447) (Info)
  - 1 - Los Angeles
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- 1) Report of SA [redacted] at Philadelphia, 2/2/45
- 2) Chicago letter to Bureau, 2/16/45;
- 3) Report of SA [redacted] at Chicago; 2/16/45
- 4) Xerox copy of Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 10/31/45;
- 5) Xerox copy of Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 12/5/45;
- 6) Bureau letter to Los Angeles, 1/4/46;
- 7) Xerox copy of clipping from "Los Angeles Tribune", 1/7/46.

Los Angeles Office has no additional information to report.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-2502)

DATE: NOV 18 1964

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-63874) (c)

SUBJECT: CHESTER BOMAR HIMES aka  
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(OO: NY)

Re LA FD-128, dated 10/14/64.

On 11/9/64, [REDACTED]

→ Hotel Albert, 23 East 10th St., NY, NY, advised SA [REDACTED] that the subject had resided at that hotel for approximately two weeks in March, 1964. [REDACTED] stated that the subject had left the hotel around the first of April, 1964, leaving a forwarding address of #3, Rue Bourbon le Chateau, Paris, France.

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A review of the NYO indices as well as the subject's case file has reflected no information indicating that the subject has ever been a member of the CP or related organizations.

In view of the fact that the subject has returned to France and has no CP connections, no LHM is being submitted, and this case is being placed in a closed status.

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